

The Lamberto Tirol National High School

Activities & Press Releases

Boracay kids receive medical attention

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More than 300 children age seven years old and below availed of medical and dental services during the 1st Shangri-La Boracay medical mission at Brgy. Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.

In partnership with Lina Group of Companies, the event was held at Lamberto Tirol National High School October 1.

Aside from consultation, the recipients also received free multi-vitamins and other medications.

There were doctors from Manila who rendered services.

The village officials, in cooperation with the village health workers identified the recipients.

Meanwhile, Shangri-La Boracay also donated two sets of computers, constructed the village road and basketball court at the said national high school. The hotel has also five scholars in college - all are residents of their host community.



Yesterday, October 1, Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa had its first Pediatric Medical Mission for the local community in Barangay Yapak, Boracay Island.

Seven volunteer doctors from Manila flew in to Boracay to share their time, talent and services for the medical care of the children ages 7 years old and below. Over 300 children received free consultation and medicines.

Management and staff of Shangri-La cheerfully supported the doctors and welcomed the mothers and children who came to the venue, Lamberto H. Tirol National High School.

It's another wonderful day on the island when there's a collective spirit of genuine care for others like they are family.

Shangri-La has embraced the people of Barangay Yapak. Their health, well-being and education are priority. Just as any parent would have for their own children.

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It's been almost a year since we started the habit, "Let's make Saturday beach clean-up day." We have proven that Boracay Island's diversity can be unified through community effort. For the first five months of the project, we have consistently undertaken clean-up with student volunteers from the main and extension campuses of Boracay National High School, and Lamberto H. Tirol National High School. Today, we have more entities involved in the Saturday habit, including the Philbikers Boracay Chapter (Islanders), Bantay Bata Boracay under the BFI, the Boracay Island Water Company (BIWC), employees of the Malay Auxiliary Police (MAP), the Boracay Special Tourist Police Office (BSTPO), and some remarkable individuals helping out – Vicky Alvarez, an active beach and sports lover; and Jan Felix Balquin, a marine biologist working with Boracay Foundation, Inc., to name just two. We hope to see you get into the habit and help protect our beaches. (Marlo Schoenenberger)

ENVIRONMENT



BORACAY'S SATURDAY HABIT: Yuppies Beach Clean Up

MARLO SCHOENENBERGER, BORACAY YUPPIES

People of all ages enjoy the beach. The White Beach on Boracay is the most famous of all and is not immune to people's abusive behavior. The local government is not at its best when it comes to tightening laws on beach littering prohibition. It cannot increase the number of beach cleaners due to the budget crunch. And the list goes on.

To protect the beach, the Boracay Young Professionals, or Boracay Yuppies, thought of a sustainable solution: Making Beach Clean-Up A Saturday Habit project that began in August 2009. This project is being conducted for the love of Boracay and to encourage the community to get involved. The objectives of this project are: to increase awareness about waste reduction among the youth; to avoid the littering of trash on the beach including cigarette butts; to inform the youth about proper waste segregation; and to lobby with the LGU about the designation of smoking and non-smoking areas on the beach.

The major beaches of the island where we have our activities are at the famous White Beach, Bulabog Beach, Puka Beach, and Manocmanoc/Cagban Beaches. We hope to do a simultaneous beach clean up activity where all the beaches of Boracay are cleaned up in one morning over an approximate two hour spell; residents and students of the three barangays on the island will be having their designated area of responsibility.

The usual suspects

One of the major problems on the beach is cigarette butts. Traditional butts are made of "synthetic polymer cellulose acetate" and never degrade, only breaking apart after roughly 12 years. Yet within an hour of contact with water, cigarette butts can begin leaking chemicals such as cadmium, lead and arsenic into the marine environment. And that's not counting for the fact they also end up in the intestines of "fish, whales, birds and other marine animals". An estimated two to three kilos of cigarette butts are collected by the Yuppies and volunteers on the White Beach from Station 3 down to the Station 1 beach area.

Other waste found on the beach in large quantities include: food and candy wrappers, plastic bags, plastic bottles, glass bottles, bottle caps and lids, straws and stirrers, beverage cans, tissue papers and paper boxes, food utensils (plastic), drift ropes (nylon). Hazardous wastes and unusual wastes found on the beach include batteries, light bulbs, long and thin fluorescent lights, needles, used sanitary napkins and used baby diapers, needles and syringes.

The Saturday beach clean-up volunteers include the Boracay Yuppies members, students from Boracay National High School - Main Campus and Manocmanoc Extension, and Lamberto H. Tirol National High School. During our school campaign with the students, waste management was an important topic of discussion. They were able to apply what they had learned during the beach clean-up activities.



Modest rewards

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As a token for their hard work, the student volunteers are given snacks (bread and juice) during some of the Saturdays thanks to our sponsors (7 Stones, BLTMPC, Ms. Vicky Alvarez, JVG Agency, Boracay Navi, NGL Distributor). The volunteers are also fortunate to have a free ride to their homes courtesy of the BLTMPC.

After several months, we have seen other organizations adopting the Saturday habit including Bantay Bata Boracay, a committee under the Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI), and Philbikers Boracay Chapter (Islanders). We hope to have more involvement from the community and you!

Please join us in making Boracay a green destination -- all for the love of Boracay!

